



# Propane Watch

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- U.S. inventories of propane continued their winter decent last week, falling by 4.0 million barrels (MMB) to an estimated 29.7 MMB as of week ending January 28, 2000. U.S. inventories continued to track below the normal range for this time of year. Regional inventories fell across all major areas last week, particularly in the Midwest where inventories declined by nearly 2.7 MMB. East Coast inventories were sharply lower last week, dropping by 0.7 MMB, while in the Gulf Coast, inventories continued moderately lower with a nearly 0.5 MMB stock draw. East Coast inventories moved to the lower limit of the normal range last week, while Midwest and Gulf Coast inventories continued below their respective normal ranges during this same period. January's stock draw, which measured an above average 13.3 MMB, pushed U.S. inventories to the lowest level for this month since 1970.
- Due to recent price spikes and supply problems for heating fuels, the EIA is currently collecting residential heating oil and propane prices on a weekly basis. For selected January 24 State-level data, see the EIA petroleum web site: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>.

## Propane Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) I, II, and III (Thousand Barrels)

Districts	December 1998	January 1999	Week Ending				
			01/07/00	01/14/00	01/21/00	01/28/00	01/29/99
East Coast (PADD I)	5,069	2,889	<sup>E</sup> 5,289	<sup>E</sup> 4,999	<sup>E</sup> 4,378	<sup>E</sup> 3,657	2,777
Midwest (PADD II)	26,995	19,460	<sup>E</sup> 17,802	<sup>E</sup> 16,239	<sup>E</sup> 14,253	<sup>E</sup> 11,557	19,800
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	29,972	23,103	<sup>E</sup> 15,098	<sup>E</sup> 14,014	<sup>E</sup> 13,866	<sup>E</sup> 13,416	21,804
Total (PADD I-III)	62,036	45,452	<sup>E</sup> 38,189	<sup>E</sup> 35,252	<sup>E</sup> 32,497	<sup>E</sup> 28,630	44,381
U.S. Total	64,633	47,535	<sup>E</sup> 39,601	<sup>E</sup> 36,557	<sup>E</sup> 33,699	<sup>E</sup> 29,690	46,023

E=Estimated data.

Source: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Monthly Petroleum Supply Reporting System and Form EIA-807, "Propane Telephone Survey."

## Propane Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) I and II (Cents per Gallon)

District	Wholesale					Residential				
	12/06/99	12/20/99	01/03/00	01/17/00	01/18/99	12/06/99	12/20/99	01/03/00	01/17/00	01/18/99
East Coast (PADD I)	51.6	52.1	53.9	<b>58.4</b>	32.3	118.1	118.9	120.1	<b>122.5</b>	107.2
New England (PADD IX)	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA	121.3	122.1	122.8	<b>124.6</b>	111.4
Central Atlantic (PADD IY)	52.4	52.3	54.5	<b>59.2</b>	32.9	119.6	120.4	121.9	<b>124.6</b>	109.0
Lower Atlantic (PADD IZ)	50.7	51.9	53.1	<b>57.5</b>	31.3	111.4	112.5	113.3	<b>115.6</b>	98.8
Midwest (PADD II)	41.9	41.7	42.4	<b>45.3</b>	24.9	85.7	87.0	87.4	<b>88.3</b>	75.4
Average	44.4	44.4	45.4	<b>48.7</b>	26.7	99.6	100.7	101.4	<b>103.0</b>	89.1

NA=Not Available.

R=Revised.

Source: Wholesale propane prices are based on Oil Price Information Service. Residential propane prices are available from data supplied by 23 State Energy Offices from October through March on a semi-monthly basis.

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